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For: PROCESS FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF A SUBSTANCE USING
AN *IN VITRO* FUNCTIONAL TEST

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited on the Form PTO-1449 and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

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